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Many Persons Killed in Missouri and Iowa—Havoc and Ruin in Nebraska.

LINCOLN'S LOSS FOOTS UP \$100,000

Davey is a Total Wreck, with Thirteen Persons Injured—Fourteen Dead in Missouri and Iowa—Tempest is Continuous.

Blanchard, Ia., May 27.—A most destructive and fatal tornado struck the town of Elmo, Mo., eight miles south of Blanchard, and just across the Missouri state line. Nine persons were killed outright and five were injured, some of whom may die. The dead are: C. C. Calhoun, Cassius Bell, J. J. Alvis, Leonard Bradley, Minton Huff, Gus Huff, Oren Strangler, D. L. Starker, and George Perry.

Injured: Ed Eitherton, George Huff, A. L. McElvain, Harry Moss and Elmer Morgan.

Where the Deadly Work Was Done.

The storm came from the northeast, and first struck the Washburn station. The Masonic temple was the next building in its path, and it was demolished. On the lower floor of the temple was located a general merchandise store, and in the store were gathered several of the citizens of the town. The building was torn to pieces and the victims were buried beneath the wreckage. Of the fourteen persons in the store only five escaped death, and these received injuries which in two or three cases may prove fatal.

Did Damage in the Country.

After leaving Elmo the storm continued into the country in a south-west direction, and it is feared more fatalities have occurred. Several dwellings are known to have been blown to pieces, but the fate of their occupants is unknown. A deluge of rain added its share to the misfortune of the stricken people, and the homeless inhabitants are being cared for at the few remaining homes that escaped the fury of the wind.

FIVE DEAD IN IOWA

Neighborhood of Des Moines Gets a Costly Taste of the Tempest.

Des Moines, Ia., May 27.—Iowa has been storm swept for twenty-four hours. Three tornadoes resulted in the loss of six lives, the fatal injury of three and the serious injury of a score of people, beside great property loss. The dead at Glenwood are: Maggie Bietner and Hazel Wright, of Adams, Ia.; Mary Buxton, Georgia Buckley and Herbert Rhodes, and at South Des Moines, Russell A. Knauf and Floyd Knauf, his baby son.

The injured are as follows: At Glenwood—Mary Eckert, Anna Delaney, Myrtle Dickinson, Ella Newton, Harrison Johnson and Della Rathbun. Near Buxton—Mollie Rhodes (fatal), Eliza Bakay (fatal), Amphy and Minnie Bakay.

At Seward—Lucy, George and Addison Rhodes, Buddie Reasby and Mary Walker. At South Des Moines—Mrs. Knauf, bruised and cut; Mrs. Margaret Bnaft, skull injured by falling brick; Charles McNutt, hurt by flying tree limbs; Mrs. John McCoy, breast and head cut by flying glass.

The victims at Glenwood were all inmates of the school for the feeble minded, where the storm struck the girls' dormitory, commonly known as the old building, first. The roof was torn off and with a terrible crash fell back again upon the wrecked building. All of the buildings of the group, including the hospital, dormitory, boys' building, custodian's building, farm college, and the boiler rooms were more or less damaged by the storm. The superintendent estimates that the loss will be at least \$75,000.

The tornado struck South Des Moines from the south, but after the greater part of the destruction was wrought over to the northwest as it approached the junction of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers. The property damage in South Des Moines and vicinity will reach \$50,000. The Knauf home and the Christian church were completely wrecked and about forty other buildings were badly injured. All the railways coming into this city are suffering severely from washouts, and the rivers are all on the rampage.

EASTERN NEBRASKA RIPPED UP

Wind and Water Work Ruin—Thirteen Persons Injured.

Omaha, May 27.—Eastern Nebraska has been visited by another series of storms, several of which developed into small tornadoes. One visited Hastings, near which place was the scene of Sunday's heavy storms, and blew several buildings to splinters. Another struck Herman, twenty-five miles north of Omaha. The home of D. R. Farish was demolished, and Farish, his wife and a child were seriously hurt. Omaha also suffered a storm which blew several houses from foundations and unroofed others in the southwest part of the city.

Accompanying the severe wind in each instance was a rain of unusual severity, and as a result several towns in eastern Nebraska are flooded. Springfield, Papillion and Plattsmouth reported the worst conditions. At Plattsmouth two feet of water was in the Burlington station and covered a number of streets. The railroads have suffered washouts in a score of places.

ENDS THE AUTO RACE

Premier Combes Says It Can Go No Farther Along Roads in France.

ABOUT AS DEADLY AS A BATTLE

Havoc Spread All Along the Line of the Race—Renault Wins the First Stage, Which May Be the Last.

Paris, May 26.—It is now possible to assemble from the many reports along the route of the first stage of the Paris-Madrid automobile list a complete list of casualties. This shows six persons killed, two so dangerously injured that they may die, and ten seriously injured. During the day it was asserted here that seventeen persons had been killed and that seventeen were injured, but this was not warranted. A carefully revised list of the casualties follows:

Dead and Injured Named.

Dead: Pierre Rostin, Barrow's machinist, collision with a tree near Libourne; Nixon, Porter's machinist, burned under automobile; Normand, M. Tourand's machinist, at Angoulême; Dupuy, soldier, at Angoulême; Caillon, cyclist, at Angoulême; unknown peasant woman, at Abilis.

Injured—Barrow, pelvis and thigh broken, amputation of leg expected; M. Marcel Renault, injured about body and head; T. Porter, cut and bruised; Stead, overturned, badly injured; Stead's machinist, head cut open; Lesma, champion cyclist, broken knee cap; Georges Richard, chest crushed, ribs broken; Henry Jeannot, Richard's machinist, shoulder fractured; E. Chard, head cut open; Tourand, severely bruised; Gaston Ruffet, boy, fractured skull, leg and arm broken; Marcel Renault's machinist, severely bruised.

Miraculous Escapes Reported.

Some miraculous escapes have been reported. M. Terry's machine was burned at Cognac, but he and his machinist were uninjured. M. Rodolphe Darzen and his machinist were thrown out near Bordeaux and were practically unhurt, though the car was destroyed.

RACE MAY BE RESUMED

But It Will Be in an Enclosed Course—Some of the Race Incidents.

The correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed a number of the leading United States and French automobilists and they all expressed horror at the series of accidents, and added that in their opinion it would end speed races in France, and at other points on the continent. The Spanish government has prohibited the continuance of the race on Spanish soil so that ends the race completely on high roads. But the manufacturers have agreed that as a road race is impossible the meeting will be resumed within a closed course.

Clarence Moore, of Washington, has just returned from an inspection of the track, for which unusual privileges were granted him by the judges of the races. He gives a graphic description of the terrific speed of the racers. He timed Louis Renault's car as it passed him, and he found that it was making 74 1/2 miles an hour. The automobile of M. Gabriel, the winner of the first stage, he gave forth a roar as it leaped the steep incline near Chartres, like a huge rabbit bounding up a hill. He saw Jarrott approach in lightning speed. A huge black mastiff got right in the path. Jarrott realized that to try to avoid the dog would throw his car against a tree, and he steered directly ahead. He struck the dog squarely and it was plumed in front of the automobile for a moment, and then dropped to the ground between the wheels. Every bone in its body was broken, some of them in a dozen places.

Concerning the effect of the accidents Moore expressed the opinion that it will stop the excessive speed of races and that this would really be beneficial to true sport. He says the Paris-Madrid race is less a contest of sportsmanship than a competition between rival makers, seeking to gain a reputation.

A dispatch from Bordeaux adds another terrible accident to the long list of casualties. Mme. Chaynass, accompanied by her husband, both riding bicycles, were watching the passage of automobiles at St. Andrew de Cubzac, twelve miles from Bordeaux, when a horse frightened by the noise bolted and overturned the woman, who fell under a racing automobile. Both her legs were cut off. The hope of saving her life is slight.

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Gabriel Has the Best Record.

The first stage in the race was 343 miles. At noon yesterday Louis Renault dashed at a furious pace into Bordeaux, having made a record run of eight hours and twenty-seven minutes. An hour later M. Gabriel, arrived with a still better record of eight hours and seven minutes. It is esti-

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